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Development Account

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 52/12 B of 19 December 1997, 52/220 and 52/221 A of 22 December 1997, 52/235 of 26 June 1998 and 53/220 of 7 April 1999,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the utilization of the development dividend[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Noting the reformulations made by the Secretary-General for proposals A, B, D, E, F, G and H,

Noting also that proposal C is being reconsidered for subsequent submission to the General Assembly,

Noting further the reformulations of proposals F, G and H in accordance with paragraph 5 of resolution 53/220,

Reaffirming its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986,

Reaffirming also the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations and the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation,

1. *Decides* that the title of proposal H should be changed to "Activities for capacity-building in developing countries in pursuance of the objectives of Agenda 21, the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action of the Work Summit for Social Development and the Beijing Declaration and Platform of Action";

[1] A/53/374/Add.1.
[2] A/53/7/Add.12.

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2. *Approves* the following reformulated proposals contained in the report of the Secretary-General,[1] on an ad hoc and one-time basis only, without setting a precedent and without prejudicing the outcome of its consideration of the sustainability and establishment of the mechanism and modalities of the Development Account:

F. On-line network of regional institutions for capacity-building in public administration and finance (Department of Economic and Social Affairs);

G. Research network for economic policy analysis (Department of Economic and Social Affairs);

H. Activities for capacity-building in developing countries in pursuance of the objectives of Agenda 21, the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development and the Beijing Declaration and Platform of Action (Department of Economic and Social Affairs);

3. *Reiterates* that all projects shall be fully implemented in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3 of General Assembly resolution 53/220 and the relevant Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations and the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation, as revised by the Assembly in its resolution 53/207 of 18 December 1998;

4. *Decides* that the anticipated duration of the approved projects contained in the report of the Secretary-General shall not be used as a precedent for setting time-limits for the programmes of the regular budget;

5. *Decides* to keep the implementation of the projects under review, and requests the Secretary-General to submit reports to the General Assembly in accordance with relevant regulations and rules.